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Millerton's men's soccer team defeated the Millbrook's Hermanos Cuma on Sunday, May 4, at Eddie Collins Memorial Park. For story and more photos, turn to page A7.

By **NATHAN MILLER**
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Aayan Munir, Evan Pagett, Joe Natalizio and Manav Patel remove the black plastic from the new historical marker commemorating the Millerton Inn as the birthplace of famous baseball player Eddie Collins. The Arlington High School seniors acquired a grant for the marker from the Pomeroy Foundation as part of a history project.



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By JOHN COSTON
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Waubesa Central School District, Millbrook Central School District and Pine Plains Central School District all propose higher K-12 budgets for the 2025-2026 school year.

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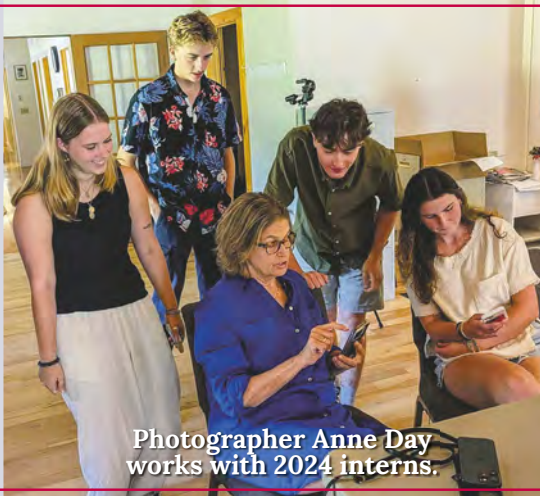
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OUR TOWNS

NBT, garden club volunteers landscape Habitat home

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Volunteers arrived on a sunny Tuesday morning on May 29 to pitch in to landscape the new Habitat for Humanity home on Rudd Pond Road.

The home, now occupied by the family that purchased the home last year, was transformed by gangs of help from NBT Bank and members of The Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties.

North East Town Board member Meg Winkler stopped by to lend a hand and check in with Jessica Muccio, chief development officer of Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County.

Native Landscapes in



A volunteer crew from NBT Bank went right to work grading fresh topsoil for the future front lawn at the Habitat for Humanity home on Rudd Pond Road.

Pawling provided and delivered perennial plants and shrubs for foundation planting, as well as mulch. McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton donated and delivered premium garden soil for the planting beds.

The Town of North East donated the land for the affordable housing project. The house is approximately 1,400 square feet with three bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on a half-acre plot of land.

Under an affordable housing initiative, the program allowed families to apply for this ranch-style house at 30% of their household income. of that club.



Members of The Garden Club of Orange & Dutchess Counties, from left, Marcy Wagman, Sarah Peacock, Dorian Winslow, Linda Rohleder, Linda Tawse, Carrie O'Leary and Elinor Hart.

Besides its homebuying program, Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County also provides a home repair programs that assists in installation and building of access ramps, porch and screen repair and landscaping.

Village schedules June 17 election for two trustee positions, mayor

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Mayor Jenn Najdek and two seats on the Village Board are up for election on June 17.

Mayor Najdek has been cross-endorsed by both Republican and Democratic caucuses, which were recently held.

Najdek was first elected mayor in June 2021 to a two-year mayoral term.

Trustee Lisa Hermann (Erdner) has decided against running again. Her vacant seat is being sought by Katie Cariello, who is the food program coordinator at the North East Community Center, serves as the secretary



Trustee
David Sherman

for the North East Planning Board and is on the Youth Council Board for Dutchess County.



Mayor
Jennifer Najdek

Dave Sherman is running for another term. Both Sherman and Cariello have been cross-endorsed by the



Katie Cariello

Republican and Democratic caucuses.

The election will be held on June 17.

Bulk trash day set for May 10

MILLERTON — The Town of North East will hold Bulk Trash Day on May 10 at the old Town Garage on South Center Street from 9 a.m. to noon.

A North East Millerton Climate Smart Task Force's flyer notes fees for a pickup truck or trailer ranges from \$30 to \$60. Cars are \$15 to \$30. Trash Day is hosted by the Town of North East for residents of the town and the Village of Millerton.

Mattresses, springs and couches are \$20. Units with

freon are \$30.

Acceptable items include metal, lawn mowers, tools, furniture, carpeting and junk refrigerators and air conditioners. Electronics, paint cans, batteries and heavy construction debris is not accepted.

At a recent meeting, Town Supervisor Chiis Kennan said a special effort will be made this year to collect old tires with a \$15 charge, including rims, which is the amount it costs the Town to dispose of them.

Annual Cornell Cooperative Extension plant sale set May 16 and 17 in Millbrook

MILLBROOK — The 2025 edition of the Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Cornell Cooperative Extension is scheduled for Friday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, Route 44, in Millbrook. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Now in its 32nd year, the

popular fundraising event offers a diverse selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs, all expertly grown and tended by Master Gardener volunteers on site.

To view the wide selection of plants that will be available and create a shopping list, go to the Extension's website at www.cce-dutchess.org.

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OUR TOWNS

Electronic sign to be installed at Town Hall

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — To provide residents with information about public meetings and emergency notices, the Town Board awarded a contract for the installation of an electronic display sign at the Town Hall at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 1.

By unanimous vote, the LED contract was awarded to GNS Group LTD to install the sign at a cost of \$39,522. Six bids had been submitted.

Because the electronic sign will serve the public interest in ensuring greater transparency and provide emergency notifications, the Town Board determined that the new sign is not bound by local zoning code.

In other action, the Town Board selected a town electrician to assist with occasional minor electrical repairs for the town. The successful bid was received from McDermott Electric of Wingdale.

Following a preliminary presentation by graphic designer Giorgio Baravalle of De.Mo Design, seeking comment from the Town Board on general design principles for a new town

seal, the board agreed to delay substantive design decisions until June.

Consultants assisting the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee with its work to update the town's plan have scheduled a public input session to be held on Monday, June 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

During public comment, Comprehensive Plan Review Committee member Ken Topolsky urged the board to await the outcome of that June input session in the interest of aligned communication. He added that the Economic Development Committee is also considering town branding that could impact decisions on town seal design.

Speaking of overlapping committee responsibilities, Topolsky suggested finding a way to promote greater communication among town committees.

"Someone has to figure out a procedure," Topolsky said, suggesting periodic meetings of committee chairs to enhance communication.

"We need to establish common ground," said Town Board member Brad Rebillard.

A ghostly adventure befalls Fountains residents in latest radio production

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Building on the success of their first performance in August 2024, The Fountains Radio Workshop rolled out another mystery to capture the imagination and provide a few laughs at their latest production on Friday, May 2.

"Imagine the setting," playwright, project director and Fountains resident Marge Wardrop told the over-capacity audience, introducing the radio play titled "Strange Encounter." The performance was interrupted periodically by authentic old-time radio commercials, sparking nods of recognition throughout the audience.

This workshop performance added improvements such as live piano interludes by Lucy Bonaquist, computer sound work by Janet Robinson, and three people on live sound effects, Shelia Attlesey, Judy Buttinger and Pat Carr.

The six scenes of plot involve about 12 Fountains residents returning in a Fountains bus from an Albany conference on aging when a surprise snowstorm and mechanical failure interrupt their trip. The onset of chill in the bus and the spotting of a distant isolated farmhouse inspires them to hike through the snow



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The Fountains Radio Workshop performed their new radio play, "Strange Encounter," for an enthusiastic audience of residents and visitors on Friday, May 2.

to be taken in by an accommodating, although spooky, old Dutch farmer who offers shelter in his equally spooky farmhouse. They encounter the ghostly presence of an ancestor bemoaning the past loss of a piece of family jewelry that happens to be hanging around the neck of one of the Fountains visitors, a fancier of antique jewelry.

Undaunted by the spookiness of their situation, the Fountains residents accept the farmer's offer of cider

drinks and promptly doze off. Refreshed by their naps, they welcome the arrival of the State Police who have brought a luxury bus to see them home to The Fountains. Before leaving, the jewelry is generously returned to the ghostly ancestor, clearing the way for the state trooper to let

everyone know that there was no house there at all, or any Dutch farmer, or anything.

Judging from the hearty audience approval, cheers and applause, The Fountains Radio Workshop will likely be encouraged to create more radio adventures for residents and visitors.

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Hillsdale's Carty retires, a veteran of town service

HILLSDALE — The Town Board is seeking candidates to fill the remaining seven months of the term of Tom Carty, a veteran of town government who has announced his retirement as a board member.

Carty is a two-term member of the Board and long advocate for the town's improvement who is known for pushing efforts from building sidewalks to updating the town's record-keeping.

In a press release, Hillsdale Town Supervisor Mike Dvorchak said: "Tom Carty along with his spouse, Howard Van Lenten, have been the dynamic duo of Hillsdale for over two decades. Their passion, tenacity and know-how have transformed our community forever."

Carty also served as Hillsdale's deputy supervisor during part of his nearly eight years on the town board.

Carty was integral to the hiring of a professional municipal planning firm to

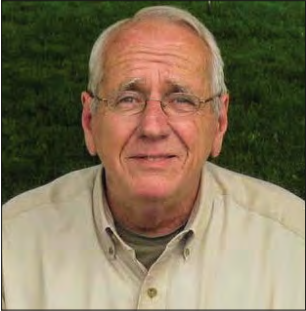


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Tom Carty

update Hillsdale's Comprehensive Plan. He also helped boost Hillsdale's energy efficiency with LED street lighting and an electric vehicle charging station, and helped create and oversee all the Citizen Advisory Committees that Hillsdale has today.

He also was a guiding force on several key town committees.

The town board is seeking candidates to fill the remaining months of his term, which ends Dec. 31, with an interim replacement. Please send inquiries to townclerk@hillsdaleny.com.

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OBITUARIES

Leon Norrod Graham

SALISBURY — Leon Norrod Graham was born in Mercedes, Texas, on Oct. 30, 1940. He passed away on Sunday, April 20, in Salisbury.

Leon’s parents were Leon R. Graham and Mary Norrod Graham. He is survived by his brother, Sam, his niece Mary Louise Pozaric, her husband Nichola Pozaric and their two sons, Graham and Reese. His father graduated from college at 17 and went on to a long career in public education. He retired as an Assistant Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas. His mother, a graduate of Baylor University, held a master in Mathematics from the University of Texas and various elected positions in Austin and statewide teacher organizations. Leon followed in his father’s footsteps by skipping the first grade and marching through elementary, junior high and high school with one A after another, no matter the subject. In 1957, when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the United States set up special six week courses in advanced mathematics that summer for rising high school students. Leon was one of 25 students selected from Texas for the program held at Rice University.

Upon graduation from high school in 1958, he was



admitted into the prestigious Plan II program at the University of Texas at Austin. He graduated with honor degrees in history and journalism. He later earned a master’s in history from Southern Methodist University.

In 1969, he relocated to New York City where

he learned direct marketing at American Express. Subsequently he served as Executive Vice President at Columbia Record Club, moved to Scali McCabe Sloves where he assisted in setting up their direct marketing arm and from there became Executive Vice President of the BMG Record Club.

In 2004, following a major health crisis, he moved to Salisbury where, for several years, he was employed by The Lakeville Journal as an art, music, film and theater critic.

He was a Board Member of the Scoville Memorial Library and served a term as President of the Salisbury Forum.

He was very happy in Salisbury until his last years when recurrent health problems caused a diminution in his quality of life.

His family would like to thank the Noble Horizons Staff, the Hospice program that managed his last days and his long time care giver Mo Buri.

Eleanor Anne Sternlof

LIME ROCK — Eleanor Anne Sternlof (née de Guise) of White Hollow Road passed away on April 25, 2025 at Geer Village in North Canaan, Connecticut. She was 94 and the loving wife of the late Paul William Sternlof, who died on August 12, 2005.



Eleanor was born July 14, 1930 in Lowell, Massachusetts as the eldest child of the late George and Vera (née Gale) de Guise. Eleanor graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1948 and from Clark University in 1954. She met Paul as a fellow student at Clark and they married in May 1954.

Eleanor worked for Mohawk Airlines while Paul earned his MBA in Hospital Administration at Yale University. In 1958 they moved to Baltimore, Maryland and started a family while Paul worked as Assistant Administrator at Baltimore General Hospital.

Their first two children, Karl and Kurt, were born in Baltimore. They moved to Sharon in 1962 when Paul became President of Sharon Hospital. Two more children followed, Mark and Erika, and the family settled on White Hollow Road in 1965.

Eleanor and Paul were together avid beekeepers, vegetable gardeners, brewers of mead and motorcycle enthusiasts. She was a skilled seamstress, doll maker, canner and general DIYer who learned carpentry taking adult-ed classes at Housatonic

Valley Regional High School. In 1977, while her two middle boys were students there, Eleanor took a job in the Superintendent’s Office and quickly became notorious for riding her motorcycle to work. She retired in 1992.

In 1995, Eleanor and Paul bought a winter home on Fripp Island, SC and made many new friends. She volunteered for years there as a teaching aide at the public school and sang alto in the island choir. After Paul passed, Eleanor spent a decade fulfilling her lifelong dream of world travel by visiting Peru, Cuba, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Finland, Hungary, Albania, Russia and more with a close-knit band of fellow adventurers. She moved back to White Hollow full-time in June 2020 and finally to Geer Village in October 2021.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Karl Sternlof (Kerin Woods) of New London, Connecticut, Kurt Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts, Mark Sternlof of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Erika Sternlof of Bath, Maine; her grandchildren, Emma Sternlof (Michael Conlin) of Durham, North Carolina, Nora Sternlof of Chicago, Illinois and Erik Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts; her great grandchild Brian Conlin and her sister Evelyn Webber of Rochester, New York.

Memorial activities will be announced at a later date. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of all arrangements.

Richard M. Metzger

NORTH CANAAN — Richard M. “Mike” Metzger, 78, passed away Friday, April 4, 2025, at GEER Assisted Living, Canaan, Connecticut.

Friends may call Friday, May 16, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, Connecticut. www.ryanfhct.com

Cynthia Gardner Smith

LAKEVILLE — Cynthia (“Cindy”) Gardner Smith, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

Born Aug.19, 1934, at Sharon Hospital, Cindy was the eldest of 5 children born to the late William B. Barnett and Mary L. (Tuttle) Barnett of Lakeville.

A life-long resident of Lakeville, Cindy graduated from both Salisbury Central School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School before earning her LPN degree at Yale New Haven Hospital. After graduating from nursing school, she worked at the Yale New Haven Hospital and Children’s Hospital in San Francisco, California, in the labor/delivery department and the pediatrics department.

Upon returning to Lakeville, she worked for a time at Community Health Plan and as the school nurse at Indian Mountain School, retiring after 17 years of service with the school. In addition to her career in nursing, Cindy extended her expertise in the care and well-being of children by providing childcare to local families which spanned two generations

Cindy was a tenacious problem solver and an incredibly talented seamstress/ knitter who relished the challenge of anything that required

manual dexterity and skill. She enjoyed sailing her sunfish on Lakeville Lake, loved traveling, birdwatching, and gardening. Cindy was a life-long member of The Lakeville Methodist Church and very active in all aspects of the church. Cynthia was predeceased by her father (William B. Barnett), mother (Mary L. Tuttle Barnett), sister (Joan B. Loper), and twin brothers (William Barnett, Jr. and John Barnett).

She is survived by Clayton S. Smith, her devoted husband of 53 years, her son Darren G. Smith, brother Peter Barnett, sister/brother-in-law Marion and Fred Romeo, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m in Salisbury Cemetery. A Celebration of Cynthia’s life will be held later that morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Noble Horizons, followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Community Room at Noble Horizons. Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to the Lakeville Methodist Church, PO Box 648, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039.

To offer an online condolence, please visit www.ryanfhct.com



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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, left, presents a certificate of appreciation to Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department President Dick Sears on May 4.

Thanks to responders in heroic driver rescue

By RILEY KLEIN
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CORNWALL, Conn. — About 50 community members gathered at the Parish House of United Church of Christ Sunday, May 4, to recognize the heroic efforts of emergency responders.

Twelve certificates of appreciation were presented to volunteers and neighbors who aided in the rescue of a driver from a burning vehicle on Route 7 in late March.

The crash occurred when a driver struck a utility pole March 29, resulting in a car

fire and exposed live wires. Nearby residents were the first ones on scene, acting fast to pull the driver out of the car.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, “With such little time to spare, any less effort probably would have made this a very different story.”

More than 60 people responded that day. The 12 citations were presented on behalf of the larger community effort to save a life.

At the gathering in the Parish House, attendees enjoyed pizza, soda and neighborly conversation.

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Sally Vagliano Pettus

SHARON — Sally Vagliano Pettus died peacefully at her home in Sharon, in the afternoon of Tuesday, April 22. She was surrounded by her husband, Peter Pettus, and her three sons, Josh and Ian Findlay, and Justin Vagliano.

Raised in Gates Mills, Ohio, Sally attended Laurel School followed by Sarah Lawrence College. After graduating college, she became a quintessential New Yorker, ultimately dividing her time between the city and her beloved second home in Sharon.

Sally was a creator. A massively prolific artist, she produced pieces large and small, bronze and oil, public and private. She has forest paintings hanging in some of the most influential offices in the world and imposing cast bronze leaf sculptures installed in public parks and private gardens. She also designed physical spaces. From her own artist’s loft in Soho, New York, and cherished garden in Sharon, to her public-space designs that were considered for the 9/11 Memorial and a student center at the Indian Mountain

School, her range was awe-inspiring.

Sally was a fantastic cook, very rarely using a recipe, and relying instead upon her constant, spontaneous imagination. A charismatic host, she loved having family and friends for dinner, normally around a table that she had envisioned and realized.

Sally leaves behind her devoted husband, Peter; her sons, Josh, Ian and Justin; her stepchildren, Charlton and Cybele Pettus; and eight grandchildren, Nathaniel and Grayson Findlay, Will and Caroline Findlay, Andrew and Alec Vagliano, and Georgica and Harry Pettus.

Her legacy of creativity and inspiration will endure in all who knew her. A bright fire has gone out, and it will be dearly missed.

The family plans to hold a private service in the upcoming months. In lieu of flowers, they have asked that any memorial donations be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County (vnhlc.org) and to The Little Guild Animal Shelter (littleguild.org).

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kent Hollow cont.

The Amenia Town Board’s agreement to a resolution that would allow the Kent Hollow company of Connecticut to mine gravel on a site on South Amenia Road is both an environmental catastrophe and a moral disgrace.

Since Kent Hollow submitted an application in February 2017 to resume an operation they had abandoned in the 1980s, the Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Board to their immense credit had steadfastly denied the company on the grounds that resumption of gravel mining would violate the town’s current zoning laws. Beginning with Supervisor William Flood, the Board resisted Kent Hollow’s increasing coercion, particularly its lawsuits against the Town of Amenia and those individual members of the ZBA and Town Board whom they regarded as unsympathetic to their demands.

Both Boards rejected the spurious foundation on which Kent Hollow’s application rested: although its permit expired in 1989, the company asserted that it had been extracting small amounts of rock at the site for nearly thirty years and should, therefore, be grandfathered back into full-time operation. In support of this dubious claim, Kent Hollow presented a chaotic binder of incoherent receipts and notations allegedly demonstrating this activity. The Boards saw through this duplicity: local residents whose property borders the mine site stated publicly that they witnessed no mining activity at the location for many years, and aerial photographs of the mining area revealed that it had been virtually untouched for decades.

But Kent Hollow’s persistence is equal to its rapacity, and after eight years of threats and coercion they recently persuaded the three eligible voting members of the Board to sign a resolution that, pending a DEC approval, will allow the company to mine 33 acres in a residential area along the Webatuck Creek from dawn to late afternoon for five days a week for 25 years, ensuring air and noise pollution on South Amenia Road (and beyond) and drastically reducing property values.

In carving out a special zoning exemption for Kent Hollow, the compliant Board members not only betrayed their constituents but established a dangerous precedent. Although the settlement stipulates that the Board is making an exception for Kent Hollow, they have effectively ensured that any other powerful entity with unlimited resources can and will use legal and economic coercion to negotiate similar exemptions. The idea that the Town is somehow indemnifying itself with such language is laughable. Nor does the resolution contain any explanation of how Kent Hollow will be held to the terms of the agreement. Based on the company’s consistent prevarication, the absence of oversight is confounding.

Beyond the damage the Board’s decision will inflict on the pristine fields, waterways and hills between South Amenia Road and Rattlesnake Ridge, the circumstances under which the April 24 vote was conducted

are so troubling as to appear suspicious.

Instead of holding the vote at a regularly scheduled Thursday Board meeting, the three voting members (Ahern, Rebillard, Hamm) met on a Thursday between regularly scheduled meetings when local residents would not normally look for an agenda to be posted.

Rosanna Hamm announced the meeting on the morning it took place, with a link to the Town’s notoriously unreliable website. Given the unexpected date and the narrow time frame, residents who have packed previous Kent Hollow meetings and signed protest petitions remained unaware and absent.

In short, there was no public commentary before the vote was taken. No less troubling was the composition of the Board voting-membership: with the recent death of Paul Winters and the forced recusal of Supervisor Leo Blackman, the agreement (requiring an 80% supermajority) was signed by only three recently elected individuals, none of whom could be expected to understand the long, tortuous history involving Kent Hollow.

Nor is it clear whether the voting members were aware that as of August 2023 the New York State Office of Historical Preservation officially designated an area that includes the abandoned mining site as the Webatuck Agricultural Valley Historic District. Surely this ought to matter! While we understand keenly the financial pressure exerted by the company’s constant lawsuits, we believe that the Town of Amenia has far more to lose by endangering its environment, zoning laws, and reputation through their concession than it would by continuing to incur the expense of principled resistance. At our request, Supervisor Blackman has made a provision for public comment on the Kent Hollow resolution at the Board meeting on May 15. We urge all local residents of Wassaic and Amenia who care about the integrity of our environment, our laws, and our history to attend this meeting and speak out.

Philip Sicker
Diane Zahler
Wassaic

Appreciation for Aymar-Blair

I am writing to thank Dan Aymar-Blair, the Dutchess County Comptroller, for maintaining a keen focus on the County’s fiscal needs and resources rather than straying into political battles that would divert his attention from the audit and fiscal distribution issues that are his responsibility as County Comptroller. The County’s fiscal health is of particular concern in light of the federal spending cuts that seem inevitable.

The Comptroller’s opponent in the coming fall’s election — Will Truitt, the current County Legislative Chair — sorely lacks Aymar-Blair’s extensive experience in fiscal affairs. It is not surprising that Mr. Truitt attempts to cast the Comptroller’s job more as a policy-setting role and less as one requiring expertise in conducting audits and weeding out waste and corruption.



Relief rolls; farmer cuts 1,000 phones; pool leak

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

May 10, 1934

‘Attempt to Burn House Foiled by Truck Driver’; Early Arrest Expected as result of Blaze Saturday Night

An unsuccessful attempt to destroy the home of Nathan L Burch, of North East Center, by fire Saturday night, the second fire of probable incendiary origin to occur in this neighborhood within the last few weeks, is being investigated by the State Police and an early arrest is expected.

‘350 From Relief Rolls Given Work’; Assigned To Various Projects Under Emergency Relief Bureau

It was disclosed last weekend that 350 or more men from Dutchess County’s home relief rolls had been assigned to various projects under the Emergency Relief Bureau. The workers were given employment on twenty-six different projects, the greater part of which are county jobs.

‘Lind Allows Two Hits As A’s Win, 7-5’; Millerton Flinger Invincible In Victory Over Pine Plains Sunday

Scott Lind, Millerton’s new pitching sensation, held the newly organized Pine Plains regulars to two hits Sunday afternoon when the Athletics

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Millerton News

chalked up a 7-5 win at the local ball yard. Pitching almost invincible baseball, Lind did not yield a single blow until the ninth inning when Pine Plains connected for a pair of base hits. He retired ten batters on strike-outs.

‘Drivers Licences To Expire May 31’; Automobile operators and chauffeurs’ licenses expire May 31 in New York State. The law requires that these be renewed annually, and drivers must obtain 1934-1935 licenses to operate motor vehicles on the public highways after this date. The renewal fee is fifty cents for operators’ licenses and two dollars for chauffeurs’ licenses.

May 8, 1975

‘1000 Millerton Telephones Cut’; Some 1000 Millerton residents lost partial telephone service Tuesday when an area farmer severed part of a telephone cable with his plow.

The accident occurred at 10:35 a.m. and, according to a Taconic Telephone Corporation spokesman, Millerton residents were unable to make or receive any long distance calls.

‘Village Board To Review Police Work’; Millerton Mayor John Hermans reported this week that the Village Board plans to review police coverage of the Village at its meeting on Wednesday night, May 14, in the Village Clerk’s office on Simmons Street.

The Board will also discuss the problem of farm animals kept within the village limits and plans for planting trees to beautify the Village.

‘38 Area Firefighters Join In Pumping Relay Practice’; Thirty-eight firefighters from the Millerton, Lakeville and Sharon Fire Departments participated in a pumping relay last Sunday at Rudd Pond in Millerton.

The 3-company relay was the final practical stage of an 18-hour pump operator’s course in the New York State Fire Training Program. Millerton Fire Chief Dick DeWitt said that the 3 fire companies have had to use this method “quite frequently in the country.” He cited the DeLaVergne Inn and theater fires in Amenia and the fire at My Brother’s Place in Millerton as examples.

May 11, 2000

‘Temporary Fix for Pool’; MILLERTON - The village water tower will be painted inside and out within the month, said Mayor Michael Cawley Monday night, while Denny Pool should be tempo-

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rarily patched and ready to go next week.

Mr. Cawley said he had spoken with Scott Pools, the Waterbury, Conn., firm that had verbally committed to permanently fix the pool earlier in the spring but has had to postpone the work until this fall.

Since the permanent solution is not at hand, a diver from the company will be patching a growing leak, a fix that is hoped will last the summer season.

‘RR Station Scheduled to Open July 9’; WASSAIC - Railroad officials outnumbered attendees as Metro-North held a public hearing last Thursday regarding the proposed fares for its new Wassaic station scheduled to open in a couple of months.

‘Bike Safety Check Planned at Park’; MILLERTON - The Bike Doctor and Dutchess County Sheriff will be at Denny Memorial Park, Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bike Doctor will perform bike safety checks including bike helmet adjustments and bike safety course. All ages are welcome to participate in the safety check.

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Bike Patrol will be at Denny Field to conduct photo ID’s for children.

The event is sponsored by The Millerton Recreation Commission and will be held rain or shine.

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Salon debuts at Millbrook Library

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The gallery space at The Millbrook Library was filled with parents and children excited to hear world-acclaimed cellist Sterling Elliott perform and teach the youngsters about the cello. He performs on a 1741 Gennaro Gagliano cello.

The concert was noteworthy because it marked the premiere children’s event of the Millbrook Music Salon, formed recently under the direction of Artistic Director Sophia Zhou. Elliott opened his concert by performing J.S. Bach, followed by engagement with the children by asking how long ago they thought that Bach had lived. The first response of “two million years” was eventually narrowed down to 300 or so.

“There are a lot of musicians here,” Elliott said, reacting to the intelligent questions asked by the children and parents, including the difference between a violin and a cello, and Elliott’s practice regimen when he was a child. He had begun playing his instrument at the age of three, practicing at least three hours each day. All stringed instruments come in reduced sizes to accommodate the young ages at which



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Families flocked to the Millbrook Library for a children’s concert featuring world-acclaimed cellist Sterling Elliott on Saturday, May 3.

students begin lifelong study.

“I grew up in a musical family,” he explained. He and his siblings formed a string quartet, performing publicly at an early age in libraries, churches and a variety of venues near their home in Virginia. His mother had decided before his birth that he would be the cellist for the family group and had purchased his first tiny cello in anticipation.

Elliott’s daily practice hours grew as he grew. All of that practice brought his acceptance to study cello per-

formance at Juilliard. He has since earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Juilliard, most recently completing the highly selective Artist Diploma program. Additional world-wide honors came along the way.

The next concert in the Music Salon series will feature pianist Mishka Rushdie Momen, performing works from the Tudor age at Grace Church, on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. For tickets and information go to www.millbrook-musicsalon.org.

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Please take notice that a meeting of the lot owners in Irontdale Cemetery Located in Millerton N.Y 12546 will be held at North East Muffler at 5654 rt 22, Millerton N.Y 12546 on May 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of lot owners.

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Cindy L Heck
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04-24-25
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the North East Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck High School Building, 194 Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2025-2026 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the budget for the 2025-2026 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, effective April 29, 2025, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value of the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on

the Budget of the qualified voters of the Northeast Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the Webutuck High School gym, 194 Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education: Both seats are for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028 to fill the vacant seats of incumbent Board Member Nichole Reyes, and incumbent Board Member Anthony Robustelli.

B. Proposition I: 2025-2026 North East (Webutuck) CSD Budget

SHALL the 2025-2026 Budget as adopted by the Board of Education in the amount of \$28,665,850, with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$9,262,543 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$19,403,307 be approved?

C. Proposition II: 2025-2026 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the North East (Webutuck) Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire one (1) 2025 65-passenger school bus and two (2) Chrysler Voyager LX transportation vehicles, at a cost not to exceed \$249,190, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$249,190, and levy

a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

D. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine, early voting or absentee ballot. The hours during which the poll shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for early mail and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or on the district’s website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning March 1, 2025

but may not be returned to the District clerk any earlier than April 21, 2025, and must be returned to the District Clerk by May 13, 2025 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 19, 2025, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 20, 2025.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by “permanently disabled” voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk.

A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge to the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for “military” voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for “military ballots” in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot

application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter’s military ballot in accord with the military voter’s preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, April 25, 2025. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter’s military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before April 21, 2025; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of the candidate, and the name and residence of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

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SPORTS



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Millerton defender (in white) heads off a drive by Millbrook’s Hermanos Cuma team.

Sunday soccer scores at Eddie Collins Park

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — The soccer field at Eddie Collins Memorial Park has become a Sunday soccer pitch for eight teams in a regional men’s league.

Two teams from Millerton, and six others from Brewster, Pawling, Torrington, Dover Plains and Millbrook are scheduled to play up to four games each Sunday.

On Sunday, May 4, Millerton defeated Millbrook’s Hermanos Cuma 4-0 on a wet field, and the 80-minute game was played before Sunday’s rains came.

By noontime, the parking lot was filling up and Torrington was setting up to play Dover Plains as the crowd grew, half filling the parking lot and beginning to line up for papas fritos prepared under a tent on the sidelines.

Games are scheduled through June 1.



Penalty and out of the game. Below, Millerton sending it deep.



REGIONAL

In Salisbury, Wake Robin project returns with modified application

By ALEC LINDEN
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SALISBURY — At its April 28 meeting, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved a modification to a permit it issued last year for an application to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn.

It was the first public presentation of applicant ARADEV LLC’s amended proposal since withdrawing its initial application to the Planning and Zoning Commission in December 2024.

“Generally, it’s a pullback in the intensity of development,” said Mark Arigoni, a Landscape Architect with SLR Consulting who has represented the applicant, ARADEV LLC, since its first submission. Arigoni said the new plans were meant to respond to calls from the public and P&Z to scale down and lighten the impacts of the

project after an extended public hearing late last year.

The major changes include reducing the number of newly-built cottages from twelve to four. The event barn moved from its previous position as a standalone structure to instead being a part of the expansion of the existing Inn.

The major changes include reducing the number of newly-built cottages from twelve to four. The event barn, which was a highly contentious aspect of the initial proposal, moved from its previous position as a standalone structure to instead being a part of the expansion of the existing Inn building. The spa building was adjusted so it sits closer to the main structure and further from the wetland.

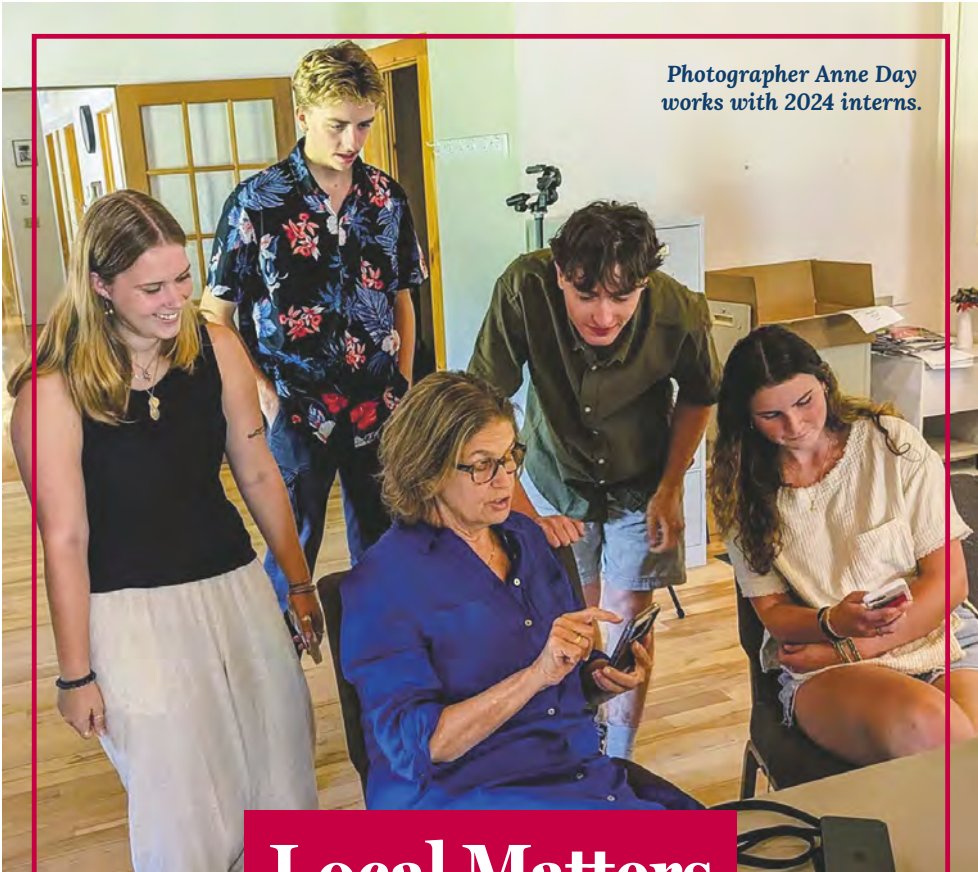
After presenting the up-

dated plan, the Commission levied several questions towards the applicant regarding the new project. Commissioner John Landon noted that the new cottages look larger than those initially proposed. Stephen Cohen, of ARADEV, confirmed that they are approximately 2,000 square feet, compared to the previous buildings which topped out at around 1,100 square feet.

After several other questions regarding storm water management, a state-listed species relocation, and alterations to the cottage parking and access schemas, the IWWC concluded its examination. Chair Vivian Garfein clarified that the IWWC was reviewing an alteration, not a new application.

“We are not reissuing a permit,” she said, “We are asked to approve a minor modification that we have already approved.”

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the modification. ARADEV was to reappear in the town Zoom room on Monday, May 5 to present its modified application to P&Z.



Photographer Anne Day works with 2024 interns.

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In Millbrook, which enrolled 750 students in the 2023-24 school year, according to the state Education Department, a draft budget posted on the school district's website calls for a 3.11% increase to \$35,649,651.

Pine Plains proposes spending \$38,712,336, an increase of 2.71%.

Proposed tax levies to support the budget also all show increases: Webutuck, up 5.27%; Millbrook, up 2.61%; and Pine Plains, up 3.2%.

On May 20, voters also

will decide on candidates for Board vacancies.

At Webutuck, Nichole Reyes and Anthony Robustelli, both incumbents, will be on the ballot for new terms.

In Millbrook, Perry Hartswick, current Board of Education president, is running for another term. Jennifer Carnecchia and Dena Ghobashy also are running as incumbents.

In Pine Plains, two incumbents are running for new three-year terms: Board President Amie Fredericks and Fred "Chip" Couse.

COMMUNITY *Continued from Page A1*

to the annex Wednesday night, April 30. There was a second event at the North East Community Center on South Center Street on Saturday, May 3.

The attending residents shuffled to pair off with someone they didn't know before and talked about positive experiences in the town and the village, what they would change if they could wave a magic wand and make it so, what the village and the town needs and how individuals and organizations can achieve those goals.

NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said the group talk Wednesday marks the return of a community conversation series that first started

with a talk at the Annex in 2021.

Representatives of the human rights commission, North East Community Center and the North-East Millerton Library collected notes on the conversations. Those notes will be collected, kept on record and distributed to town leadership, Leo-Jameson said, just like in 2021 after the first community talk.

Topics of conversation ranged from a desire of more robust and inclusive town wide events, more utilization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park for recreational programming, renewed focus on accessibility and infrastructure, and disappointment over sewer and wastewater treatment progress.

EDDIE COLLINS *Continued from Page A1*

secure a Pomeroy Foundation grant for a historical marker.

"A lot of historical figures are chosen, but not a lot of sports figures," Patel said.

The Millerton Inn is reported to be the birthplace of Eddie Collins. His grandparents owned and operated the property, known as the Simmons House at the time. On May 2, 1887, while his mother, Mary, was visiting the Simmons House, she gave birth to Eddie, according to a biography by Rick Huhn.

Collins began his professional baseball career at the age of 19 while still attending Columbia University. He spent his first season playing only in the minors, but by his third season in 1909 he was a full time player and the starting second basemen. Collins finished the 1909 season with a .349 batting average and 67 stolen bases.

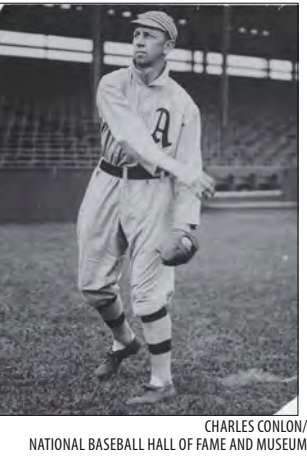
Collins became known

Philadelphia Athletics until 1914, including all five seasons the Athletics won the World Series while stationed in Philadelphia. In 1915 he joined the Chicago White Sox where he was a part of the infamous "Black Sox" team that threw the 1919 World Series, although Collins was not implicated in the scandal and arrived on the other side unmarked by the controversy.

In 1924 he was named player-manager of the team, a position he held for two seasons.

Collins retired from play in 1930 and went on to coach and manage the Boston Red Sox. Under his leadership, the Red Sox played winning seasons in seven out of 12 years and won their first pennant in 28 years in 1946. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939. He retired in 1947 at the age of 60.

Collins died after years of struggles with heart problems in a hospital in Boston in 1951 at the age of 63.



Eddie Collins at the Philadelphia Athletics infield.

Twin Lakes Association buoyed by CT's assault on invasive hydrilla

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY — The Twin Lakes Association is taking an earlier and more aggressive approach to fighting the spread of invasive hydrilla in East Twin Lake by dosing the whole northeast bay, from May through October, with low-level herbicide treatments instead of spot treatments.

The goal, said Russ Conklin, the TLA's vice president of lake management, is to sustain herbicide concentration over the 2025 growing season.

That plan of attack will continue over a period of 60 to 90 days beginning May 21, Conklin explained during the association's April 30 membership meeting via Zoom which drew 60 attendees.

TLA officials were encouraged by the chance to stop the spread and hopefully destroy the thick mats of the unyielding invasive plant hydrilla verticillata, referred to as the Connecticut River variant, after two years of chasing new growth around the lake's north bay.

Dense patches were first discovered in the summer of 2023 in shallow waters around O'Hara's Landing Marina and the nearby state boat launch and the plant has

since migrated further into East Twin, following a pattern of boat traffic.

Past treatment efforts were hampered by delayed permits from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to treat the hydrilla with herbicides in an area where a rare plant had been identified.

This year, the TLA was granted an exception by DEEP, said Conklin, as any protected plant species in the path of hydrilla would likely not survive anyway.

"It is not dead now, but it is going to be if we don't do something about the hydrilla."

"This is a big year for us," Conklin said. "Hydrilla is a real threat to the lake, and we did treat it this past year, but the permits only applied to the plant, so we spot treated it ... and were always chasing it."

The course of action this year, he said, is to treat the entire northeast bay with the herbicide Sonar in both liquid and crystal form at a very low levels so that the herbicide's contact time with hydrilla will be extended for a longer period over 60 to 90 days.



A detail of a whorl of hydrilla pulled from the shallow waters at O'Hara's Landing Marina in fall of 2024.

"We know from past experience that it is much easier to kill the plant when it's small," Conklin explained. The goal, he said, is to attack the stringy, green weed before August when it crowns and splits into numerous growing points that are capable of growing at the rate of an inch a day.

During the hour-long meeting, discussion also focused on a pilot program for enhanced cyanobacteria monitoring at Twin Lakes to be headed by TLA director Jessica Swartz, a resident of West Twin Lake and biotech executive with Pfizer.

"It's very visibly challenging to identify cyanobacteria blooms," Swartz explained, as it can easily be confused with pollen on the surface of the water, dead vegetation or different types of algae.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, are natural, important phytoplankton in lake ecosystems. Dense blooms, which release toxins, occur when there is an abundance of sunlight, elevated phosphorus levels and warm temperatures.

Given the current escalation in overly-nutrient rich waterbodies and rising temperatures due to global climate change, the frequency of cyanobacteria blooms is increasing, said Swartz, and Twin Lakes has occasionally experienced localized blooms.

As a result, the association will be implementing a pilot

testing program with greater frequency and at more locations than currently conducted by the TLA's limnologist, George Knoecklein. The goal of the pilot program is to work out the process of collecting reliable data over time that helps inform whether cyanobacteria blooms are occurring, where they are most frequently found, and assess the level of risk.

Sample test kits have been ordered for five or six testing sites across East and West Twin.

TLA president Grant Bogle invited Swartz to give an update at the association's upcoming June 14 membership meeting at Camp Isola Bella.

Despite rising lake management costs projected at \$500,000 this year, Bogle reported that the TLA is in strong shape financially heading into the 2025 season, as it received another \$75,000 grant from DEEP and \$25,000 from the Bates Foundation to support the Watershed Study.

Also, the town of Salisbury has earmarked \$75,000 for Twin Lakes this season, said Bogle, and the TLA membership has "responded generously" contributing more than \$300,000 since August 2024 when the group started its 2025 fundraising campaign.

Bogle also encouraged members to attend the May 12 public meeting of the Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

STREET FAIR
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ience Brass Band from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Bee Bee the Clown will perform and make balloon animals while students from Webutuck High School will offer face painting.

Area nonprofits will have a spotlight on the lawn in front of the Millerton Inn and local retail and dining establishments will be open with special promotions. NECC's Farmer's Market will run during the event.

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EDUCATION: LEILA HAWKEN

Troutbeck Symposium 2025: the latest chapter in continuing a vital legacy

Students and educators from throughout the region converged at Troutbeck in Amenia for a three-day conference to present historical research projects undertaken collaboratively by students with a common focus on original research into their chosen topics. Area independent schools and public schools participated in the conference that extended from Wednesday, April 30 to Friday, May 2.

The symposium continues the Troutbeck legacy as a decades-old gathering place for pioneers in social justice and reform. Today it is a destination luxury country inn, but Troutbeck remains conscious of its significant place in history.

A showing of student artworks within the theme of linking the past with the present opened the symposium on Wednesday evening. Each work of art had to draw on historical research to foster an informed dialogue between the artist and the contemporary audience.

The second day was devoted to student research presentations, showcasing teams from the region's leading public and private schools with strong programs aimed at cultivating engaged young historians. Primary source materials and live interviews with descendants were included in the process.

Topics were divided into blocks with guest commentators providing reactive response as each block of student presentations concluded. Serving as commentators were Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Ohio State University, and Dr. Christine Proenza-Coles, University of



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN
Participating students and teachers gathered for the traditional photo at the 2025 Troutbeck Symposium on Thursday, May 1.

Virginia. Resistance in the face of oppression and stories of resilience that spanned generations formed an important theme as students presented the stories of area settlers and residents who suffered but endured.

As a sampling, The Taconic School teamed up with The Salisbury School to unearth untold stories of Boston Corners. The Hotchkiss School looked into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Connecticut. The Cornwall Consolidated School students stepped up with their untold stories of early Cornwall women.

Other presentations explored criminal justice — witchcraft trials — dealing with society's "undesirable" elements, individuals in history who took action, people and movements that formed resistance, and various forms of discrimination.

Praising the work of the students, Dr. Jeffries identified a theme of resistance and survival.

"The war ended but the resistance did not,"



A panel discussion among educators whose students had participated in the 2025 Troutbeck Symposium was held on Friday, May 2, to offer reflections on the symposium, its value and future development. Panelists from left to right were Jessica Jenkins, Litchfield Historical Society; Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason, Brown University; Morgan Bengal, Old New-Gate Prison; Frank Mitchell, Connecticut Humanities; and student representatives Dominik Valcin of Salisbury School, and Shanaya Duprey of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Jeffries said. "We don't take indigenous people seriously," he added. "White supremacy happened in our own back yards."

"We saw the evolution of research," said a Cornwall Consolidated School representative.

That project moved into civic engagement by the students that moved beyond the classroom.

"This is not the past; this is part of the present," said Dr. Proenza-Coles.

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN
Terence S. Miller, owner of Roaring Oaks Florist in the new self-serve area of the shop.

BUSINESS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Roaring Oaks Florist launches self-serve flower market

Just in time for Mother's Day, Roaring Oaks Florist in Lakeville has launched a new self-serve flower station next to its Main Street shop, offering high-quality, grab-and-go bouquets from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week — including Sundays when the main store is closed.

Owner Terence S. Miller, who bought the shop 24 years ago at just 20 years old, calls the new feature "a modern twist on an old-school honor system," with some high-tech updates. "We're still using our same high-end flowers, just with less mark-

up and no labor," said Miller. "That way people can access our quality anytime, even if we're closed."

Tucked beside the shop's main entrance at 349A Main Street next to The Boathouse, the self-serve area is partitioned and monitored by security cameras. A simple touchscreen checkout system lets customers pay with a credit card — no cash accepted — and includes photo prompts to make selection easy. Vases, ribbons, flower food, and care instructions are all stocked and labeled.

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The third day invited area history educators to assemble and share ideas for redesigning elements of history education, a day of reflection.

The panel included Jessica Jenkins, Litchfield Historical Society; Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason, Brown University; Morgan Bengal, Old New-Gate Prison; Frank Mitchell, Connecticut Humanities; and student representatives Dominik Valcin of Salisbury School, and Shanaya Duprey of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Valcin reflected on his work as a shared project within The Salisbury School, one where the inquiry would seek to find “the deeper story behind a base story.”

Duprey also spoke of process and the educational value of engaging with historical inquiry.

Each representing a profession that brings them into contact with historical inquiry, the panelists recounted

tedious history classes of past decades. Jenkins described her own career as “public history.” Lamb-Canon’s experience began with choosing history electives in college. Bengal spoke of community engagement and the power of involvement with history.

“History is not the opposite of scientific inquiry,” said Bengal.

Significant discussion centered on the possibility of offering the Troutbeck Symposium model to a wider audience of school systems throughout the U.S.

“A community approach to education,” was a characterization offered by Troutbeck owner Charlie Champalimaud, commenting during a brief interview at the end of the symposium on Friday, May 2. She encouraged a push toward increasing even more the number of participating schools, their educational communities and symposium sponsors.

MUSIC: BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Third graders enjoy classical treat at Music Mountain

Region One third grade students attended a chamber music concert by Bard Conservatory of Music students at Music Mountain Tuesday, April 29.

After expending spare energy racing around the Music Mountain lawn, the children trooped into the concert hall and took their seats.

After a brief introduction from Bard’s Mira Wang, the first item on the program was a string quartet, playing a piece by Haydn.

The students also heard a solo rendition of medieval songs played on the alto trombone, an unusual instrument.

The annual third grade concert is a tradition that stretches back decades at Music Mountain. It’s a treat for the children, and for the music students, who get to experience the incredible acoustics of the Music Mountain concert hall.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A string quartet opened the Bard Conservatory of Music program for Region One third grade students at Music Mountain. Two flutists performed later in the show.



FILM: MIKE COBB

Legendary music supervisor Randall Poster presents film series at Triplex in Great Barrington

What do the films of Martin Scorsese, Richard Linklater, and Wes Anderson have in common? Great songs carefully curated by music supervisor Randall Poster.

Poster’s expertise in choosing just the right music helped make Larry Clark’s “Kids” and Wes Anderson’s “The Royal Tenenbaums” pop. In a recent interview, Poster explained how he got into music supervision.

“It was born out of an ambition to make movies. Growing up with Todd Haynes, Richard Linklater and Wes Anderson was really the foundation of my career.”

From May 9 through May 11, Poster will be presenting a series of films where he served as music supervisor. He will discuss the films before or after screening. Tickets are available at www.thetriplex.org.

On Friday night, May 9, there will be two films about hotels: Sofia Coppola’s “Somewhere,” and Wes Anderson’s “Grand Budapest Hotel.” Saturday features include “American Graffiti” and “School of Rock.” On Sunday, “Mean Streets” and “The Wolf of Wall Street” by Martin Scorsese will be shown.

About “Mean Streets”, Poster said, “Scorsese’s



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Randall Poster, celebrated music supervisor.



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THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Ancram Center for the Arts marks 10 years with 2025 season

Ancram Center for the Arts is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025 with a season as bold and intimate as the visionary theater-makers it champions. Under the guidance of co-directors Jeffrey Mousseau and Paul Ricciardi, the Center's milestone season delivers a compelling mix of premieres, residencies, and site-specific performances designed to surprise, move, and connect.

The season opens June 28 with "Real People Real Stories," the Center's signature storytelling series where neighbors share unscripted, heartfelt tales. The series will be kicking off the season at Roe-Jan Park and closing it on November 22 back at the Center.

In July, the Center presents the regional premiere of "Where the Mountain Meets the Sea," written by Jeff Augustin with music by The Bengsons. A lyrical and emotional journey across time and terrain, the play follows a Haitian father and his son on parallel road trips across America. Originally produced by Manhattan Theatre Club, the Ancram production runs July 11 through July 20 and is directed by Christopher



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Grace McLean in "Penelope."

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On August 2, the Center pulls out all the stops with a 10th Anniversary bash at The Farm at Pond Lily in Elizaville, promising festive surprises and performances in a picturesque setting.

Then, August 7 to 10, Plein Air Plays 3.0 returns with three original, site-specific short performances staged in secret locations across Ancram, where natural landscapes become integral to the storytelling. This inventive tradition showcases the adventurous spirit at the heart of the Center's programming.

Two original works

developed through Ancram's Play Lab Residency anchor the late summer and fall. "Blue Cowboy" (August 16 and 17), a solo piece written and performed by Obie-winner David Cale, follows a New York screenwriter's surreal encounter with a mysterious rancher in Idaho.

"Framed" (Oct. 19), a new musical by Ancram local Mary Murfitt with music by Murfitt and Pam Drews Phillips, dives into a true crime tale of love and betrayal.

The season closes with "Penelope" (Sept. 19 through 28), a haunting and humorous musical



Jeff Augustin, author, "Where the Mountain Meets the Sea."

reimagining of Homer's "Odyssey" told through the eyes of the woman left waiting. With music and lyrics by Alex Bechtel, and a book by Bechtel, Grace McLean, and Eva Steinmetz, Penelope stars McLean fresh off her star turn in Broadway's "Suffs," in her first full theatrical performance in the title role.

Celebrating a decade as a haven for artists and audiences alike, Ancram Center for the Arts continues to push boundaries while staying rooted in community. Tickets and details are available at www.ancramcenter.org.

...Roaring Oaks

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"We've tried to think of everything people might need," said Miller. "It's all about making great flowers more accessible without losing what makes Roaring Oaks special."

Miller said the idea came from years of watching customers try to squeeze in a visit before or after hours. "We're open 8 hours a day, but we're here for almost 10, and it still isn't enough. People are always showing up after we close," he said. "This way we can be 'open' more hours without adding staff."

Though he considered making the space available 24/7, Miller ultimately decided against it. "We didn't want to encourage late-night tampering," he said, noting the shop's proximity to local bars and restaurants.

Miller's journey into flowers was unexpected. As soon as he could get his farming papers at 12 years old, he started working at Silamar Farm in Millerton. Alongside its produce, Silamar's was one of the first farm stands in the area to sell fresh cut flowers. Miller began growing and bundling cut flowers for city-bound customers. "By 16 I needed a year-round job, so I applied to every florist around. I just had a knack for it," he said. After a stint in Rhinebeck, he returned and bought Roaring Oaks from its previous

owner.

In the decades since, he's built a reputation for quality and creativity. The shop's flowers are sourced from around the world, particularly Canada and South America, though Miller is committed to supporting local growers wherever possible, especially for summer offerings and weddings.

"We're hoping to feature some smaller farms in the self-serve section this summer," said Miller. "DIY weddings have taken off, and people don't always realize the benefits of buying local. Cold chain is everything. The flowers we source come straight from the airport to the wholesaler and right up here. That's how we keep them fresh."

Roaring Oaks also offers consultations and bulk flower discounts for events and weddings, a service Miller hopes more customers will discover through the new self-serve setup.

After 50 years in business, and nearly a decade at its current Lakeville location, Roaring Oaks continues to evolve. "This September marks my 25th year," said Miller. "I'm always looking for ways to make people happy. Flowers should be simple, joyful, and accessible. That's what this is all about."

For more information or to plan your Mother's Day bouquet, visit Roaring Oaks Florist at 349A Main Street, Lakeville.

...Randall Poster

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use of popular music created a pivotal moment. He really decided to forego an original score and populated the movie with great rock'n'roll songs that don't play nice. It had a rock'n'roll attitude and an anti-establishment vibe. That film influenced every generation of filmmakers. It really opened the door to try to push the boundaries of the musical component of movies," he said.

Poster also selects music for TV series and oversees all musical aspects from choosing and licensing existing music to collaborating with composers to create original scores. For example, Poster worked with Mark Mothersbaugh of Devo to develop the score to Wes Anderson's "Rushmore."

He works closely with directors to hone their vision but doesn't always pick music for directors, which is a common misconception.

"My job is to be the person with whom the director can discuss the music, imagine a music strategy and then work together to execute it. I'm by the director's side presenting different op-

tions or perspectives and trying to find the most perfect piece of music to accompany and support the story. As you edit the film, you get a sense of what the film is looking for," he said.

Poster has worked on "The Crossing Guard," "Velvet Goldmine," "Rushmore," "Boys Don't Cry," "Meet the Parents," "The Royal Tenenbaums," "The Aviator," "The Squid and the Whale," "Zodiac," "I'm Not There," "Up in the Air," "Joker: Folie a Deux," among many other films and television shows including HBO's

"Vinyl," which was produced by Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger.

About working with Jagger, Poster said, "He turned us on to some songs that are lesser-known. One of the great joys of music supervision is getting to the roots of whatever music it is that we're thinking about."

Most recently, Poster worked on a documentary about Pee Wee Herman directed by Matt Wolf due out in May on HBO. Always an eager listener, Poster has a wide range of tastes.


"It all depends on what era I'm living in at the moment. Oftentimes I'm in the 1930s or the 1950s. This week, I just was listening to a lot of Aretha Franklin's early Atlantic Records," he said.


"I spend a lot of time looking for music, listening to music, storing music and learning about music. I still enjoy listening so much, and it's been my abiding passion. As long as I've been digging, I've made discoveries over a long period of time," he added.



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Ann Kraus: I Collect Clouds

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Kraus’s subject matter of skyscapes explores the intersection of memory, nature, and human emotion, inviting viewers to reflect on the connections between themselves and the environment.

On view May 2 to 30. There will be an art talk on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

MAY 9

Student Art Show Opening

Standard Space, 147 Main St. Sharon, Conn.

A new Sharon Center School art exhibition titled “Dream Makers” opens Friday, May 9 at Standard Space. An opening reception will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and the show will be on display from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11. Every SCS student will have work in the show.

MAY 10

World Migratory Bird Day at Sharon Audubon

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn.

Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Bird tours 8 to 9 a.m. and 9 to 10 a.m.). Free event with bird tours, kids’ activities, live music, artisan vendors, bird of prey demo, and more.

Registration: sharon.audubon.org/events | 860-364-0520 x115

Reflections: Growing Up

The Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

11 a.m. to noon on May 10. Reflections: Growing Up – The Sharon Historical Society & Museum hosts an interactive program by the CT Museum of Culture & History featuring music, images, and objects from the 1940s–60s to spark memories and conversation. Especially welcoming to those with early to mid-stage dementia.

Surviving Wall Street

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.

Author Scott Bok in conversation with Politico editor Peter Canellos about Bok’s new book “Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tragedy, and Timing” Tickets: canaancentennialtheatre.thundertix.com/orders/new?performance_id=3152408

MAY 12

“The Catskills Come to the Berkshires” Gala

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.

A special evening featuring the documentary The Catskills, live music, and food to benefit Congregation Ahavath Sholom’s historic synagogue roof restoration campaign. Tickets: thecatskillscometotheberkshires.eventbrite.com

Info: info@ahavathsholom.com

MAY 15

Film Screening: Uprooting Addiction

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Thursday, May 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., join us for a screening of Uprooting Addiction, a locally-produced film exploring trauma, addiction, and recovery. A panel discussion with the producer and local organizations will follow. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Sponsored by Greenwoods Counseling and the Regional Opioid Response Fund. Refreshments provided.

Live Well with Diabetes Workshop – Torrington

Hungerford Center, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Conn.

Free 6-week workshop for adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. Thursdays, May 15–June 19, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hungerford Center, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Space is limited—register at 860-496-6676 or Carla. Angevine@hhchealth.org.

MAY 16

Grand Opening Celebration

Lakeville Books & Stationery, 329 Main St., Lakeville, Conn

Lakeville Books & Stationery will host a Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, May 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. Free embossing with purchase of any Leuchtturm1917 notebook. Refreshments.

Historical Society Annual Dinner

Falls Village Fire Department, 188 Route 7 S, Falls Village, Conn.

This year’s annual dinner meeting of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will be held Friday, May 16, at the Falls Village Fire Department building on Route 7 in Falls Village. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be paid at the door. Reservations must be made by May 11 by emailing kay.blass@gmail.com or calling Kay at 860-824-7259. Come early to buy tickets for the varied raffle items available.

Blue and Gold Student Art Show

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS, Falls Village, Conn.

Blue and Gold Student Art Show at Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS. Reception 4 to 6 p.m.; awards at 5 p.m. Free admission. Artwork for sale to benefit the Art Department. Quilt raffle by Sharon Woman’s Club. Over 80 students exhibiting.

MAY 17

Hunt Homegrown Plant Sale

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Sat. to Sun., May 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plants from local growers, including vegetables, flowers, and houseplants. Proceeds benefit the library and HVRHS.

Info: huntlibrary.org | 860-824-7424

Plant Sale

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

The Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will feature flowers and vegetable plants as well as hanging baskets from Freund’s Farm Market and geraniums for HVRHS. We are also seeking plant donations; please leave your potted plants behind the library prior to the sale. There will also be a \$5 bag of books sale upstairs in the library during the event. All proceeds benefit the library. Call 860-824-7863 for more information.

Last week’s WotW

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Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

1. Syn. troop, crowd, band
2. Jedi powers
3. Mechanical dance move
4. Charitable gift giver
5. Students receive school awards

Lilac Fest 2025

WILDSEED Community Farm, Millerton, N.Y.

Celebrate spring with a day of community, nature, and learning at WILDSEED! Enjoy workshops, storytelling, and hands-on activities honoring our connection to the land.

Get Involved: Join the planning team, host a workshop, become a vendor, or sponsor the event.

Friday, May 16: Lilac-Focused Community Work Day

Saturday, May 17: Lilac Fest (Main Event)

Sunday, May 18: Private Lilac Brunch (Invite-Only)

Info & Partnerships: monti@catalystcollaborativefarm.com

MAY 21

All Pro Dads Group

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Wednesdays, May 21, June 18, 6 to 7 p.m.

Calling all fathers and father figures! Bring your kids (ages 3-12) and join Project SAGE for a free, fun night of pizza and activities. Register online or by phone at 860-364-5041.

MAY 23

Happy Hour Piano Series: Jennifer Hill

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

Join us in the mural gallery for an early evening of live music, art, and mingling. Piano music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dazzle Camouflage

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

A group show curated by ceramic artist Caitlin Rose Sweet, the show explores how queer artists “use abstraction as a way to weave between legibility and the safety of coded language to create new meanings.” The artists in the show work in a variety of media rooted in craft and are all based in the Hudson Valley. Artists: Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo, Saffronia Downing, Alex Patrick Dyck, Maria Molteni, Libby Paloma, Heather Renee Russ, Caitlin Rose Sweet, Becca Van K. Opening Reception Friday, May 23, 5 to 7 p.m.

MAY 24

Fine Art Festival

Sharon Town Green, 63 Main St. Sharon, Conn.

The Voice of Art is organizing its fifth annual outdoor juried fine art show, “Fine Art Festival”

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Two-person German submarine
6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
9. Database management system
13. Vertical position
14. American jazz singer Irene
15. Ancient Greek City
16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry
17. Japanese seaport
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Beloved type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. Cambodian communist leader Pot
24. Important football position
25. Kilometers per hour
28. Lentil
29. Extremely angry
31. Yellow-flowered European plant
33. American state
36. Some are made by rabbits
38. Express with a head movement
39. Affair
41. Cured
44. Youth organization
45. 18-year astronomical period
46. Automobile
48. Focus a shot
49. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)
51. Mouth
52. Infections
54. Curved pieces of a horse collar
56. Shameless
60. Assist in escaping
61. Capuchin monkey genus
62. Cold wind
63. Retired Brazilian NBAer
64. Tropical Old World tree
65. Bulgarian city
66. Speak indistinctly
67. Soviet Socialist Republic
68. Between-meal sustenance

CLUES DOWN

1. Not soft
2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
3. Line a roof
4. Greek god of the underworld
5. Software
6. Large-headed elongated fishes

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7. Shag rugs
8. Type of whale
9. Lacking a plan
10. Spill the beans
11. Some is “heavy”
12. One who has been canonized
14. Indicate times
17. Greeting
20. Broadway actor Josh
21. Seashore
23. Indicates before
25. Electrical power unit
26. Destitute
27. Drags forcibly
29. Impropriety
30. Word forms
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Computer language
37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges

Sharon on the Green (formerly, Litchfield Art Festival). This show is free and open to the public Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fine Art Festival will be a highlight for art collectors and residents from the Tri-State region, New England and beyond.

MAY 26

Pine Plains Presbyterian Church Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains, N.Y.

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will host its Annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025 - at the Church, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains. Pick up will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu will consist of 1/2 a barbecued chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Each dinner is \$18, and 25% of the profit after expenses are paid will be donated to local food pantries - the Pine Plains Community Food Locker & Willow Roots. For reservations, call or text the Church at (518) 398-7117.

May 1 Solution

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

May 1 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Spring season brings higher real estate activity in Washington amid several sales

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millertown News

MILLBROOK — March winds and April showers encouraged real estate activity in the Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook with eight sales closed ranging from \$3,600,000 on 2 Bontecou Road to four sales below \$442,000.

As the spring selling season begins there is abundant inventory of both rental properties and single-family homes for sale. The Hitchcock Estate, at \$65 million, is still waiting for a buyer. Four other estates are on the market for over \$5 million, eleven homes are listed above a million dollars, with nine under a million.

2 Bontecou Road — 6 bedroom/5 bath/3 half bath estate on 28.7 acres sold for \$3.6 million on Feb. 25.

1215 Shunpike — 4 bedroom/ 4 bath home on 30.64 acres sold for \$1,235,000 on Feb. 25.

128 Bangall Road — 4 bed-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The house at 56 Horseshoe Road with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, which sold for \$442,000 in March, was one of the less expensive properties sold in Washington.

room/2.5 bath home sold for \$894,000 on April 30.

56 Horseshoe Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold for \$442,000 on March 28.

35 Shunpike — 4 bed-

room/2 bath duplex sold for \$415,000 on April 18.

29 Elm Drive — 2 bedroom/1 bath home in the Village of Millbrook sold for \$400,000 on Feb. 25.

568 Oak Summit Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house sold for \$394,000 on April 3.

507 Halls Corner Road — 6.25 acres of land sold for \$80,000 on March 20.

*Town of Washington closed real estate sales beginning Jan. 1 and ending April 30 includes all sales not previously reported as transferred in January and February and sales sourced from One Key MLS and Realtor.com ending on April 30, 2025. Informa-

tion on active listings taken from One Key MLS. Private transfers are not included from March 1 to April 30. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

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